

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the subject application. Claims 17-20 have been cancelled. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the above amendments and remarks as set forth herein below.

1. Claims 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lemelson et al. (U.S. 5,945,656) in view of Swartz et al. (U.S. 6,095,418), Gabritsos et al. (U.S. 4,570,250) and Nakazawa (U.S. 5,852,288) or Ueno (U.S. 6,170,750). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 17-20 have been cancelled, thus obviating a response to this rejection.

2. Claims 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Swartz (U.S. 6,095,418) in view of Lemelson and Nakazawa. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 17-20 have been cancelled, thus obviating a response to this rejection.

3. Examiner has indicated that claims 1-16 are allowed.

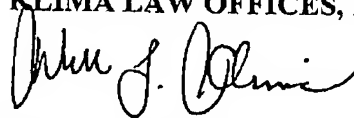
Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-16.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the claims are in condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 11-1243.

Respectfully submitted

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